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Historical beauty returned to the water

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Champagne was smashed over the bow and breath was held as a restored historic yacht was launched at the Emu Point Slipway last Friday evening.



The boat was green and grey with decay and her sails in tatters, but classic boat enthusiast Chris Grannery could not say no to the 1898 clipper-bowed beauty when he saw her two years ago.



Mr Grannery and wife Liana have restored Victorian cutter Aorere to her former glory.

Aorere, which is Maori for Flying Cloud, is thought to be one of the oldest Australian-designed yachts afloat.

She was originally built in St Kilda as a racing and cruising yacht and has been in a number of races, including the 38-mile Williamstown to Geelong race in 1938.

The restoration took almost two years and nearly three times the original budget, but Mr Grannery said it had all been worth it.

"I've always loved classic boats but you don't see classic boats in Western Australia or in Australia," he said.

"It's not a go-fast boat any more but we felt a responsibility to return it to its original condition.

"There is a responsibility not to destroy Australian heritage ... so we are just minding it for the next person."

Mr Grannery said the only issue now was learning to sail the old design, which he hoped to race against the modern vessels of the Princess Royal Sailing Club.

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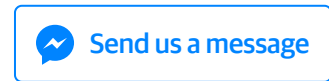
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